

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which

 x is attached hereto.

 was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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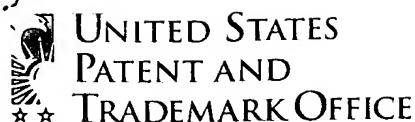

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I, KENNITH SMITH, citizen of the United States of America, residing at Portland, county of Sumner, and state of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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WHEREAS, Alliance Rubber Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Arkansas and having its principal office and place of business at 210 Carpenter Dam Road., Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in, to and under any application directed thereto and any Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries which may be obtained therefor:

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN that in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration by me received from Alliance Rubber Company, aforesaid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Kenneth Smith, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over unto Alliance Rubber Company, aforesaid, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right to said invention in the United States and all foreign countries and in, to and under the application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, executed by me on even date, and in, to and under any reissue, divisional, continuing or substitute application thereof or any corresponding application filed in a foreign country, and in, to and under any Letters Patent that may be issued for said invention in the United States or in any foreign country; and I do hereby covenant and agree for myself and my legal representatives to assist my said assignee in the prosecution of said application or applications and in any interference, reexamination or litigation which may arise involving my said invention or the said patent or patents, and to execute any reissue application thereon, or any reexamination, divisional, continuing, substitute or foreign application based on or corresponding to the above specifically identified application, as may be requested by my said assignee, and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States upon the above specifically identified application for said invention to Alliance Rubber Company, aforesaid, as assignee

of my entire right, title and interest in and to the same for the sole use and benefit of my assignee, its successors and assigns.

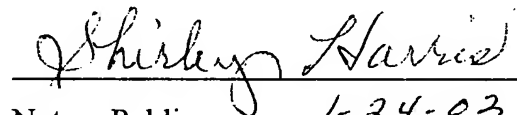
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of August, 2001.


KENNITH SMITH

~~STATE OF TENNESSEE~~ ^{KENTUCKY}
~~COUNTY OF SUMNER~~ ^{SIMPSON}) SS

I, KENNITH SMITH, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that KENNITH SMITH, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 27th day of August, 2001.


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